



# Lambda Sci-Fi

## DC Area Gaylaxians

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### LSF Pre-Pride Gaming Party and Capital Pride Parade-Viewing Saturday, June 11th

info provided by Peter Knapp

Come celebrate DC Pride at a Pre-Pride Gaming and Parade-Viewing Party with the folks at LSF!

What: A gaming party – with a break to watch the Capital Pride Parade. There’s plenty of room for gaming, so please bring your favorite games (cards, board, etc.). We’ll start the party with a brief LSF meeting.

When: Saturday, June 11th; 2:00 PM – ?? There’ll be a short LSF meeting at 2:00 PM; and then let the games begin!!! We’ll take a break to walk down the street and watch the parade as a group.

What to bring: Bring your favorite table game (or two). Also, please bring munchies and/or soft drinks.

Dinner: You’re on your own for dinner after the parade and before gaming resumes. There are a lot of food choices in the Midcity (14th and U) Corridor. Also, delivery menus will be available at the party.

Where: Home of Peter and Rob, 1425 “S” St. NW, Washington, DC 20009. Their home is in the Midcity (14th and “U”) neighborhood



### LSF Table at Capital Pride Festival Sunday, June 12th

info provided by Peter Knapp



For the 26th year in a row, LSF will host a booth at the DC Pride Festival to promote LSF and queer fandom. Come join us and help to spread the word about Lambda Sci-Fi and LGBT-themed F&SF!

Feel free to drop by the LSF booth sometime during the day. As in previous years, we don’t see the need to establish specific schedules for staffing the booth; we’ve always had lots of LSFers (both long-timers and newbies) show up and stick around. Rob, Peter, and Carl will be there about 11:00 AM for set-up; and they cheerfully invite anyone else who’d like to help out.

When: Sunday, June 12th; 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Pennsylvania Ave., somewhere between 4th and 7th Sts. NW.

Information at: <http://www.capitalpride.org/events/festival-2016/>

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near Dupont Circle and Logan Circle.

Directions (with Metro and parking advice) at:

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### <<<<< June 2016 LSF Meeting? >>>>>

There will be no regular LSF meeting for June. Instead LSF will host various special activities as part of Capital Pride Weekend. See articles (above and on Page 2.) Hope to see you at one or more of these events!



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## The LSF Book Discussion Group



If *you're* interested in lively discussions of F&SF books (with an emphasis on elements of interest to the LGBT community), we invite you to join the LSF Book Discussion Group. Each month, we conduct fas-cinating round-table discussions of works by significant F&SF authors.

The LSF Book Discussion Group usually meets on the 4th Thurs-day of every month, starting at 7:00 PM, at Peter & Rob's home: 1425 "S" St., NW – for directions or more details, call 202-483-6369. The next book discussion will be held on June 23, 2016.

Here are the details for the next several book discussions:

**June 23** - *Annihilation*, by Jeff VanderMeer (moderator: Conrad).

**July 28** – *The Magicians*, by Lev Grossman (mod: Ross/Carl).

**Aug. 25** – *Nimona* (graphic novel), by Noelle Stevenson (moderator: Greg).

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## Minutes of the May 2016 LSF Meeting taken by Scott

TV News: Peter Capaldi's *Doctor Who* has a new companion named Bill, a female. The new *Star Trek* TV series will be filmed in Canada (not LA) and will be released in January 2017. Teresa said that Jessie Quick and Wally West may be getting their superspeed powers on *The Flash*. CBS is not renewing *Supergirl*. (Will it get transferred to CW?)

Movie News: Thumbs up all around on *Captain America: Civil War* – Peter thought that it was more of a talkie movie than an action movie. Teresa described *The Lobster* (2015), a dystopian future where people get turned into an animal if they don't find a mate. (Vaguely genre?) *The Games at Thrones* – the character of John Snow is back from the dead, which is no surprise to anyone. Some of the events in the most recent episode have not yet occurred in the books. The *Star Trek Beyond* movie trailer looks like a *Fast and Furious* movie. <groan> Dan explained *High-Rise*, based on a JG Ballard novel, which sounds like *Snow Piercer* (but vertical rather than horizontal). A *New Mutants* movie is be-ing planned.



Fannish News: It was announced that this year's Gaylactic Spectrum Awards will be announced at this year's Gaylaxicon in Minneapolis. Another round of uncomplimentary comments about Chuck Tingle, who has been nominated for a Hugo (author of *Slammed in the Butt By My Hugo Award Nomination*). Rob also described some of the history of rhw "GamerGate" controversy. The Hugo selection process may be voted at WorldCon this year; Rob described one of the proposals. Yesterday was Free Comic Day – a busy day at Small Planet Comics; Teresa picked up a stack of free comics.

LSF News: Next month is Pride Month. There will be no "2nd Sunday" June LSF meeting. Instead, there will be an LSF gaming party (and Pride Parade watching event) on Saturday, June 11th. On Sunday, June 12th, LSF will host a table at the Capital Pride Celebration. Peter also mentioned the post-Pride gaming party (details TBA). Peter may arrange a LSF outing to see the new *Finding Dora* movie.

Finally, the *Star Trek Beyond* trailer was shown. (We all hope that better trailers come out soon!) ΛΨΦ

## LSF Post-Pride Gaming Party Saturday, June 18th info provided by Peter Knapp

Come celebrate Post-DC Pride at a Pre-Pride Gaming Party with the folks at LSF!

What: A gaming party – there's plenty of room for gaming, so please bring your favorite games (cards, board, etc.).

When: Sat., June 18th; 2:00 PM – ??

What to bring: Bring your favorite table game (or two). Also, please bring munchies and/or soft drinks.

Dinner: For those who are interested, we'll order pizza. To get in on the pizza order, please bring



\$8 in exact change. If you don't want pizza, you can order take-out or go forage for food. There are a lot of food choices in the Midcity (14th and "U") Corridor. Also, delivery menus will be available at the party.

Where: Home of Peter and Rob, 1425 "S" St NW, Washington, DC 20009. Their home is in the Midcity (14th and "U") neighborhood, near Dupont Circle and Logan Circle.

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**Pride counter-balances all miseries.  
Either it conceals its miseries; or, if it discovers them, it glorifies itself for knowing them.**

**– Blaise Pascal, Pensées, III(1670)**

quoted in *A New Dictionary of Quotations on Historical Principles from Ancient & Modern Sources*, selected and edited by H.L. Mencken (Alfred A. Knopf, 2001)

## Flash is Queer? info passed along by Carl

Well, not exactly... but Ezra Miller, the actor who will be portraying him on the big screen, has indeed described himself as "queer". In fact, Warner Brothers has cast the first openly queer actor in a solo superhero film: *The Flash*, set for release in 2018. Miller has, of course, already made a cameo appearance as the Flash in this year's *Batman vs. Superman*. And he is scheduled to also appear as the Flash in a couple of other upcoming DC Universe films: *Justice League, Part One* and *Part Two*.

Miller told the press: "Zack Snyder [the director] told me on the phone that he wanted me to play the Flash while I was eating a tilapia in a small Central American village. That was definitely a moment that prompted me to question the fabric of my reality."

Why wasn't Grant Gustin (the TV version of Flash) chosen to reprise the role in the film? Snyder has said that the reason is because the tone of DC's movies will not match up with the TV universe, so the two are being kept separate.

I remember first seeing Miller in the role of the troubled rich boy Tucker Bryant in two seasons of the TV series *Royal Pains*. And, of course, there was his smashing role as Patrick in the 2012 film *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.



**Ezra Miller at the British premiere of *Batman vs. Superman***

Miller has bulked up for his new superhero role. He's transformed himself from the scrawny teenager look he's been known for into something rather more hunky for his appearance in *Batman vs. Superman*.

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Only 4 months to go! See details on page 4.

## Shades of Star Trek:

***The Voyage Home!*  
Humpback Whales in SF Bay**  
from a *San Francisco Chronicle*  
article by Peter Fimrite



Beginning in late April, humpback whales have been swimming into San Francisco Bay in unprecedented numbers — even leaping out of the water near Alcatraz. As many as four humpbacks at a time have been spotted flapping their tails and breaching in bay waters, apparently feeding on anchovies and other schooling fish during incoming tides.

Mary Jane Schramm, spokeswoman for the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, said she saw humpbacks in the bay from her desk off Crissy Field Beach in the Presidio. "I've been in this game for a lot of decades, and this is the first time I've heard of this many humpbacks coming in this far," she said. She said that it's normal for gray whales to wander into the bay, but humpbacks generally feed farther offshore and are not accustomed to navigating shallow water and narrow straits like those in San Francisco Bay. Schramm also said that, unlike gray whales, which generally head directly to Alaska, humpbacks slowly move north after giving birth in Mexico and Central America, feeding all along their migration route.

Humpbacks are unique among whales: they are known for their complex vocalizations that sound like singing and for their acrobatic breaching, an apparently playful activity in which they lift nearly their entire bodies out of the water before splashing down.

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## \* \* INFORMATION ABOUT LAMBDA SCI-FI: DC AREA GAYLAXIANS \* \*

**Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians** (LSF) is an organization for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered (GLBT) people, and their friends who are interested in science fiction, fantasy, horror and related genres in all forms (SF/F/H). LSF's primary goals are to have fun, to provide a community, and to:

- promote SF/F/H, with particular attention to materials of interest to GLBT people and their friends;
- provide forums for GLBT people and their friends to share their interest in SF/F/H;
- promote the presence of GLBT elements within SF/F/H and within fandom; and
- promote SF/F/H within the GLBT community.

Annual membership fees are \$10, for which you will receive an e-mailed copy of this monthly newsletter and a membership directory. (Hard copies of the newsletter cost an additional \$15 per year.) Newsletter submissions are always welcome.

Meetings are *usually* held on the second Sunday of each month at a private residence. But the next Lambda Sci-Fi event will be held on Saturday, June 11th, at Peter and Rob's home, 1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC. (See article on page 1 for details.) Hope to see you there!

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians is an affiliate of **the Gaylactic Network**, an international organization for gay people and their friends who are interested in science-fiction and fantasy.



## \* \* Con Calendar \* \*

by Carl



June 3-5, 2016 **AWESOME CON 2016**. Walter F. Washington Convention Center (Washington, DC). Guests include: Peter Capaldi, Adam West, Burt Ward, John Barrowman, Karl Urban, Kevin Smith, Morena Baccarin, Summer Glau (and many, many more). 3-Day Geekend Pass: \$75 (lots of extra "add-ons" available for additional fees). Memberships is on-line thru the convention website. Website: [www.awesome-con.com](http://www.awesome-con.com)

July 15-17, 2016 **SHORE LEAVE 38**. (Celebrating Star Trek's 50th Anniversary.) Hunt Valley Inn (Hunt Valley, MD). Membership: \$90 for the weekend (daily memberships available) – deadline for pre-registration 6/15/2016; prices higher at the door. Send a membership form, self-addressed stamped envelope, and check payable to "Shore Leave" to: Shore Leave 38, PO Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809  
Website: [www.shore-leave.com](http://www.shore-leave.com) E-mail: [information@shore-leave.com](mailto:information@shore-leave.com)

Aug. 17-21, 2016 **MIDAMERICON II, the 74<sup>th</sup> Worldcon**. Kansas City Convention Center & Bartle Hall (Kansas City, MO). GoHs: Kinuko Craft; Patrick & Teresa Nielsen Hayden; Tamora Pierce; Pat Cadigan. Membership: \$185 "until Spring 2016" (will go up after that). Registration is on-line (via PayPal). Website: <http://midamericon2.org/>

October 7-9, 2016 **CAPCLAVE 2016**. Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg (Gaithersburg, MD). Membership: \$55 from 6/1 thru 7/31; \$60 from 8/1 thru 9/30; \$65 at the door. Author GoHs: Sarah Beth Durst, Tim Powers. On-line registration. Website: [www.Capclave.org](http://www.Capclave.org)

Oct. 7-9, 2016 **GAYLAXICON 2016**. Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Minneapolis-Park Place (Minneapolis, MN). Guests of Honor: Eleanor Arnason (author); David Maxine (Hungry Tiger Press); Eric Shanower (*Age of Bronze*). Registration: \$65 thru Sept. 12th; \$80 at the door. Registration is on-line. Website: <http://www.gaylaxicon2016.org/>

Nov. 25-27, 2016 **CHESSIECON 2016**. Radisson North Baltimore [formerly North Baltimore Plaza Hotel] (Timonium, MD). Membership: \$55 until 11/15; \$60 at the door. GoH: Sarah Pinsker; Artist GoH: Tabitha Ladin; Music GoH: S.J. Tucker; Special Guest: Elizabeth Schechter. On-line registration via PayPal; or make check payable to "Thanksgiving Science Fiction Society" and send (with membership form) to: TSFS, Inc., PO Box 83032, Gaithersburg, MD 20883-3032  
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